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### Va. Passes \$IB Tax Hike Plan

RICHMOND, VA. | The Virginia House and Senate passed legislation Tuesday that increases taxes by about \$1 billion in a major breakthrough toward resolving an unprecedented budget impasse and avoiding a government shutdown.

The House voted 52-45 in favor of Senate amendments that boost state sales taxes onehalf cent and raise the nation's lowest cigarette tax from 2.5 cents to 30 cents, but also caps a popular, unfinished car tax rollback, presenting a potential obstacle. The House has yet to vote on the car tax relief plan.

Earlier in the day, the Senate passed the same budget measure 31-8.

By passing the central tax bill, the General Assembly resolved the question of how much revenue the state needs to fund a new \$59 billion budget for the two years beginning July 1.

Without a budget in place, many critical state operations, agencies and services such as public safety and Medicaid funding would be in danger of shutting down. Areas of local government that are highly dependent on state funding also would be affected. BOB LEWIS (AP)

## Cheney's Secrecy Weighed

### **Supreme Court considering** privacy of energy task force

WASHINGTON | The Supreme Court appeared troubled Tuesday by the prospect of letting the public have a look into private White House policy meetings, a hopeful sign for the Bush administration's aggressive defense of secrecy in the case of Vice President Dick Cheney's energy task force.

The court is the latest stop in a nearly three-year fight over access to records of the task force that prepared a national

energy strategy. The president put Cheney, a former energy industry executive, in charge and the group's recommendations were friendly to the industry. Most stalled in Congress.



Cheney

Raising the gravest concerns about unneces-

sary snooping into the executive branch was Justice Antonin Scalia, who stayed in the case despite conflict-of-interest questions relating to his friendship with Cheney.

The Bush administration argues that privacy is important for candid White House discussions on difficult issues. It was sued by watchdog and environmental groups under a federal open-government law. The groups accused the administration of allowing energy industry executives and lobbyists to help write the task force policy.

The administration has lost two rounds in federal court. If the Supreme Court makes it three, Cheney could have to reveal potentially embarrassing records just before the presidential election. A ruling will come before July. GINA HOLLAND (AP)

NUPTIALS | Not So Blissful A Bismarck, N.D., newlywed won't be honeymooning quite yet. First he has to deal with a warrant for writing bad checks in Montana. Cory Harmon and Daniella Kuntz were married Friday at the Burleigh County Courthouse.



When police mistook a guest for a suspect in a crime, they did a routine driver's license check and found the warrant for Harmon, who said he doesn't know how many bad checks he wrote; he'd moved before the warrant was issued. (AP) EyeOpeners | Page 2

### **EyeOpeners**



### ANIMAL WATCH But Does It Floss?

Good dental hygiene is important for dogs — and nobody knows that better than Rikki the Yorkie. Karen Eaken of Mesa, Ariz., started brushing Rikki's teeth on the advice of her veterinarian. The vet's lesson apparently hit home for Rikki, too. During a cleaning session one day, the Yorkie just picked up the brush and took over, The Arizona Republic reported. Now, Eaken leaves the dental duties in 10-year-old Rikki's hands. (EXPRESS)

### **IDENTITIES** The Princess of Chester

The government is suing a Chester, Pa., cafeteria worker who received a \$2.1 million tax refund by claiming to be a Hawaiian princess and heir to a

billion-dollar estate, authorities said. The money that the Internal Revenue Service sent last month to Abigail Roberts, 61, who works in Widener University's cafeteria, came from funds the real princess had on deposit with the IRS, according to court documents. Federal authorities say Roberts fooled the IRS by using the social security number of the genuine heiress, Abigail Kinoiki Kekaulike Kawananakoa, on her tax form. (AP)

### **CURRENCY**

### **Shredded Presidents**

When Darlene Hall of Cleveland, Tenn., first saw the mess on her front porch, she wanted to kill her puppy. Now she's calling him her "money dog." The stuffing that Cha-Cha, an Australian shepherd/blue heeler mix, had vanked from a recently purchased old brown vinyl ottoman turned out to be shredded money. Hall took the cash

to a friend at a local bank, who gave her phone numbers for the Department of the Treasury. "They said to put it in a box and mail it to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington, D.C., and they would send me a check," said Hall, who bought the ottoman for \$1 at a yard sale last year. Hall said she wasn't sure how much money was in it, but she spotted pictures of Washington, Grant and Lincoln in the torn pieces. (AP)

### **ANGLOPHILIA** The Queen's English

What makes Britons British? Fish and chips, drinking tea, and the queen, according to them. The Beatles, a traditional cooked breakfast of sausages and eggs, and Buckingham Palace also made a list published Tuesday of people, places and pastimes that define Britain. Topping the 100 Distinctly British Greats list was food — fish and chips tied with roast beef and Yorkshire pudding for first place, each nominated by 73 percent of voters Queen Flizabeth II was in third place, chosen by 64 percent. Other



things that made the list were traits such as queuing, keeping a stiff upper lip and an unwillingness to tackle foreign languages. (AP)



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### **Nation**

### In Brief

### **PHOENIX**

### **Two Killed in Office Shooting**

Two men were shot to death Tuesday inside a small office building where they worked, and police searched for a man who had threatened both victims. SWAT team officers and other police surrounded the building in northeast Phoenix after someone in an adjacent business reported hearing an argument and several gunshots at about 7:25 a.m., authorities said. Officers evacuated the building and after a two-hour search, concluded the gunman had fled, police said. (AP)

### SALT LAKE CITY

### Lighter Diverts N.Y.-Bound Delta Flight to Utah Airport

A Delta Air Lines flight from Los Angeles to New York was diverted to Salt Lake City on Tuesday after a man with a butane lighter alarmed the flight crew, officials said. The man, an Egyptian national heading to Cairo, was carrying a lighter that resembled a cell phone and allegedly refused to move a bag stowed beneath his seat. The man was questioned by FBI agents and later released. (AP)

### FLORENCE, S.C.

### Rescuers Search for Missing Fort Bragg Soldiers, Chopper

Rescuers searched a thickly wooded swamp Tuesday for an Army helicopter that vanished during a training flight with three soldiers aboard. The UH-60 Black Hawk was reported missing while flying in rain and thunderstorms Monday night from Fort Bragg, N.C., to Florence. (AP)

### **POLITICS | HOGS AND DOGS**



**SNOUT IT OUT:** Louisiana state Rep. Warren Triche donned a prosthetic pig nose as he introduced a bill to outlaw "hog-dog" events in the state. The battles, similar to cockfighting, feature dogs and pigs placed in pits and made to fight. State House members voted 75-25 to outlaw the events.

## States' Budget Pictures Brighten

### More than two-thirds expect to finish fiscal year in the black

States are steadily moving toward financial health, a new survey found, with nearly two-thirds expecting to finish the current fiscal year in the black. That's the best showing since the economy took a turn for the worse four years ago.

Stronger revenues are driving the trend, the National Conference of State Legislatures found in its new report. Eighteen states reported personal income taxes exceeding expectations, more than half said corporate taxes were coming in higher than budgeted, and 22 states were seeing stronger-than-expected sales taxes.

Financial experts warned, however, that pressures remain. State leaders face demands to boost spending for programs that were pared back during the past few years. Also, many states are seeing only modest growth. (AP)

### **BATTLE OF THE BULGE**

A new report offers good news after years of state budget deficits. Among its findings:

- → An aggregate shortfall of \$5.3 billion spread across 20 states has been nearly closed.
- → Thirty-two states project surpluses by the end of June. Though most are small, five of those states project surpluses greater than 5 percent of the total budget.

### Mexican Workers Fuel Increase in Illegal Immigration

SASABE, MEXICO | After a fouryear decline, illegal immigration from Mexico is spiking as several thousand migrants a day rush across the border in hopes of getting work visas.

The U.S. border patrol told The Associated Press that immigrant detentions jumped 25 percent to 535,000 in the six months ending March 31 compared to a year ago. (AP)

### Soldier Sisters Won't Return to Iraq

MADISON, WIS. | Two young Army women who were given the choice of returning to combat in Iraq after their sister was killed in a Baghdad ambush decided Tuesday not to go back.

Rachel and Charity Witmer chose instead to ask for noncombat jobs outside Iraq.

"It's by far the most difficult decision we have ever made," the women said in a statement.

They said they were concerned that if they went back, the increased

attention on their units might put their fellow soldiers at risk.

Their new assignments have not been determined yet.

The two arrived home April 12 to attend the funeral of Michelle, their 20-year-old sister and Charity's twin, who was killed April 9 in an attack.

Under Pentagon policy, when a soldier is killed while serving in a hostile area, other family members in the military may request a noncombat assignment. JR ROSS (AP)



Rachel, center, and Charity Witmer, pictured here in Iraq, will take non-combat jobs after sister Michelle, left, was killed in a Baghdad ambush.



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### **Nation**

### **An Old War That Won't Fade**

### Amid a political battle over Iraq, Bush and Kerry focus on Vietnam

WASHINGTON | Even as U.S. soldiers fight and die in new battles, a war three decades old hangs like a thick cloud over the presidential campaign, with John Kerry's every moment in Vietnam combat and every word as an anti-war protester under scrutiny, if not attack.

President Bush's curt praise, through a spokesman Tuesday, that Kerry has a "commendable record of service in the military" belies an aggressive campaign by Bush supporters to exploit questions over just what the decorated Navy veteran did in the war and after.

And Kerry's initial reluctance to take on Bush directly over his foggy time in the Vietnam-era National Guard has worn out, with the Democrat now openly challenging his opponent to explain whether he fulfilled his duty.

Kerry partisan Max Cleland, who lost three limbs in Vietnam and his Senate seat in a 2002 campaign that questioned his patriotism because he initially resisted Bush's Homeland Security plan, argued Tuesday that Vietnam still matters. "The Bush campaign is trying to define John Kerry now but for my money, the defining moment is 35 years ago," Cleland said. "John Kerry chose to volunteer and serve his country and risk his life doing so. George Bush did not."

White House spokesman Scott McClellan said Bush is focused on today's policy differences with Kerry, "not what happened 30, 40 years ago," but in declining to criticize the attacks on Kerry's service, he effectively kept that issue alive.

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Past and present: More on the brawl over the presidential candidates' service in Vietnam and the latest from the campaign trail | washingtonpost.com/politics

### **SURPRISES** | BEAR NECESSITIES



**TREE HUGGER:** Spectators in Virginia, Minn., turned out Tuesday — but kept their distance — when they heard a black bear had taken refuge in a neighbor's pine tree. Police tried to keep the onlookers away, hoping the bear would eventually feel comfortable enough to climb down on its own.

### Student Punished for Anti-War Sketches

PROSSER, WASH. | Secret Service agents questioned a high school student about anti-war drawings he did for an art class, one of which depicted President Bush's head on a stick.

Another pencil-and-ink drawing portrayed Bush as a devil launching a missile, with a caption reading "End the war — on terrorism."

The 15-year-old boy's art teacher

at Prosser High School turned the drawings over to school administrators, who notified police, who called the Secret Service.

The school district disciplined him, but district officials refused to say what the punishment was. Prosser Superintendent Roy Tolcacher said the boy was not suspended. (AP)

### Student at NYU Finally Finds Home

### 20-year-old given campus housing after months living in library

NEW YORK | A New York University second-year student who says he spent eight months sleeping in a library basement because he couldn't afford campus housing has been moved to a free dormitory room, school officials said.

Steve Stanzak, 20, said he began spending six hours a night in the sub-basement of Bobst Library at the beginning of the academic year after he was unable to pay a \$1,000 housing deposit.

University officials discovered an online journal Stanzak kept about his experiences and relocated him to a free dorm room last week.

Although he works four jobs, receives a \$15,000 NYU scholarship and has several student loans, Stanzak said he received no financial assistance from his divorced parents and had only enough money to cover tuition, about \$31,000 a year for full-time undergraduates. Undergraduate housing costs anywhere from \$7,700 to \$16,600 per year, depending on the room arrangement. KAREN MATTHEWS (AP)

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### World



**FALLOUT:** An Iraqi man searches through the rubble of his house in Fallujah Tuesday after it was hit by a mortar during a fight Monday between insurgents and U.S troops. U.S. warplanes pounded insurgent positions in the city again on Tuesday.

## Fighting Surges in Fallujah

### Warplanes pound rebels; 64 Iraqis die in Najaf

FALLUJAH, IRAQ | U.S. warplanes and artillery attacked Sunni insurgents holed up in a slum in a thunderous show of force that rocked Fallujah Tuesday, sending huge plumes of black smoke into the night sky. The assault came after American troops killed 64 gunmen near the southern Shiite holy city of Najaf.

The second straight night of battles in Fallujah came as the extension of a fragile cease-fire ended in the turbulent city west of Baghdad. Marines are preparing to begin patrols in the city later this week.

Tuesday's battle appeared far heavier than the previous night's clashes, in which a Marine and eight insurgents were killed.

U.S. aircraft dropped white leaflets over Fallujah before nightfall, calling on insurgents to give up. "Surrender, you are surrounded," the leaflets said. "If you are a terrorist, beware, because your last day was yesterday."

Fighting also broke out in Najaf, where U.S. forces are in a standoff with militiamen loyal to radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, who is wanted on murder charges for allegedly killing a fellow cleric.

U.S. forces killed 64 Iraqis on

Monday and Tuesday in battles with militiamen outside Najaf, Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt said.

U.S. troops are hiking up the pressure on al-Sadr. A force of 200 U.S. troops moved into a base in Najaf to replace Spanish troops. The Americans have said they will avoid the Shiite shrines, which are about three miles away. Jason Keyser (AP)

Crash course: In Fallujah, Marines teach Iraqis how to patrol areas rife with insurgents | Today's Post: Section A

### OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

- → Shiite insurgents in Baghdad killed a U.S. soldier, bringing the U.S. death toll for April to 115 the same number killed in the two-month invasion a year ago.
- → A Red Cross team visited Saddam Hussein to check his conditions in U.S. custody. U.S.
- officials would not say where the visit took place.
- Spain said it completed the withdrawal of its troops from Iraq.
- → The fourth body found near an attack on a fuel convoy earlier this month was identified as a contract worker for Halliburton.

### Iragis Protest U.S. Role After Handover

WASHINGTON | Iraqis will have "a lot more sovereignty" after the June 30 handover of power, but the United States will still control security and the caretaker government won't be able to make laws, the diplomat nominated to be ambassador to Baghdad said Tuesday.

"Let's remember this is going

to be a transitional government, by definition limited in its time frame" of about six months, John D. Negroponte told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. It's focus will be to organize elections.

Mohsen Abdel-Hamid, a Sunni Arab on the Governing Council, said the prospect of the United States retaining some sovereignty is "not acceptable, this is totally rejected."

If the Americans do not respect agreements on giving complete sovereignty, "then the Iraqi people know what route to take." he said.

Ahmad Chalabi, a council member, said he is pressing for more from L. Paul Bremer, the top U.S. administrator in Iraq. Pauline Jelinek (AP)

### Attackers Strike U.N. Office in Syria

### Official: Too early to determine assailants' aims

DAMASCUS, SYRIA | Gunmen attacked a former United Nations office in a diplomatic quarter of Damascus, setting off a battle with police that pelted nearby buildings with bullets and grenades.

The fighting killed two attackers, a policeman and a civilian, the government said. Syria has not seen

such violence since the 1980s, when the government put down an insurgency by Islamic militants.

The vacant building was formerly occupied by the U.N. Disengagement Observer Force, which oversees an agreement between Israeli and Syrian forces in the Golan Heights.

Syria's envoy to Washington, Imad Moustapha, said it was too early to know the attackers' motivation or whether they were Islamist.

Syria's official news agency, quoting a security source, called the attackers "a terrorist band."

In New York, Marie Okabe, a U.N. spokeswoman, said all U.N. staff and facilities were safe and accounted for Albert AJI (AP)

### S. Africa Cheers Its Decade of Freedom

PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA | South Africa inaugurated a president Tuesday and celebrated 10 years as a multiracial democracy with cheers and songs of tribute to Nelson Mandela, the patriarch who peacefully led the nation out of apartheid.

Thabo Mbeki, Mandela's successor as president, began his second

term with a pledge never to be ray those who suffered and died to end white minority rule.

Nationwide, South Africans celebrated Freedom Day, which commemorates the day in 1994 when all races first voted together, bringing a peaceful end to apartheid.

Also present was F.W. De Klerk, South Africa's last white president who shared a Nobel Peace Prize with Mandela for negotiating himself out of power. TERRY LEONARD (AP)



President Mbeki greets supporters after his inauguration in Pretoria Tuesday.

### Gadhafi's Mixed Message to EU

### In first visit to Europe in 15 years, Libyan is conciliatory, defiant

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM | Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, once considered one of the world's most dangerous men, came to Europe for the first time in 15 years Tuesday offering an olive branch — along with a veiled threat of a return to violence if provoked by "evil" from the West.

After three hours of talks at the European Union's headquarters, European Commission President Romano Prodi said he was "very happy" about the historic visit. But even Prodi fidgeted uncomfortably as Gadhafi rambled on for half an hour to hundreds of journalists.

Gadhafi declared his readiness

to work with the West peacefully after years of championing armed struggle against it. Now that Libya has given up its weapons programs, it has become "an example to be followed," he asserted, adding that "Libya is determined and committed to play a leading role in achieving world peace."

Yet he concluded by warning that an upsurge in violence across the Mideast could undo Libya's conversion, apparently referring to the U.S.-led occupation of Iraq and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

"Hopefully nothing would force us to go back to the days when we use our cars and explosive belts ... so we will not be searched and harassed in our bedrooms and in our homes as is happening in Iraq and Palestine," he said. PAUL GEITNER (AP)



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## Va. Superintendent 'Sorry' for DWI

Perry's future remains in hands of school board

ALEXANDRIA, VA. | Schools superintendent Rebecca L. Perry said Tuesday she is "deeply sorry" after being arrested last week for driving while intoxicated.

"I'm a human being. I made a big mistake," Perry said outside the headquarters of Alexandria City Public Schools.

Perry, 54, said an Alexandria police officer stopped her shortly after midnight Friday as she was driving home from a "social gathering with friends." Police said her blood-alcohol level was above the legal limit, and charged her with DWI.

Perry met with the Alexandria School Board on Monday night for more than two hours, but they took no action. A spokeswoman said the board will resume deliberations Wednesday night and could announce a decision by Friday.

In her first public comments since her arrest, Perry said she is "deeply concerned" about the impact of the incident on the community.

Not all parents were forgiving. Jim Boissonnault, who has a child at Lyles-Crouch Traditional Academy, told reporters after Perry's statement that she should resign. "The question you would ask is, if somebody were applying to the superintendent job today with a DWI, would they get it?" he said. CRAIG MAURO (AP)

### The Lotteries

### April 27

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### Report: Heart Attack Led to Fatal I-95 Crash

BALTIMORE | The driver of the gasoline tanker that plunged from an overpass onto Interstate 95 in January apparently suffered a heart attack or other medical emergency that caused him to lose control of his truck, according to the final state report released Tuesday.

Investigators for the Maryland Transportation Authority Police found no evidence of serious mechanical defects with the tanker, which had passed an inspection one week before the fiery crash that claimed four lives and shut down I-95 near Elkridge for seven hours on Jan. 13.

The report said that the autopsy of tanker driver Jackie M. Frost, 64, found "evidence of hypertensive atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease." A witness reported seeing Frost slumped forward over the wheel.

The state's 67-page report details an accident that began with the tanker's rear end sliding over the Jersey wall on the I-895 bridge over I-95 and ends with an enormous fireball that melted tires and burned the lane markings off the highway. (AP)

### WWII MEMORIAL | VETERAN'S TOUR



**SNEAK PEEK:** World War II veteran and former Sen. Bob Dole, right, leads a tour for members of Congress of the World War II Memorial on Tuesday. A spokesperson said they hope to open the memorial to the public on Thursday or Friday. Standing to Dole's left is Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J.

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### **Jobs Outlook Fuels Jump in Consumer Confidence Level**

NEW YORK | Consumer confidence soared past analysts' expectations in April, helped by a brightening job picture.

The Consumer Confidence Index rose to 92.9, up from a revised 88.5 in March, the Conference Board reported Tuesday. The increase was the largest one-month rise since November 2003.

Consumers expecting more jobs to become available in the next six months increased to 18.2 percent from 15.7 percent.

Economists closely follow consumer confidence because consumer spending accounts for two-thirds of all U.S. economic activity. In March, the index was unchanged from the previous month, after rising to 97.7 in January. Anne d'innocenzio (AP)

### 'Friends' Ad Rates **Set New Records**

Beloved sitcom's finale commands top dollar from TV advertisers

ADVERTISING | The final episode of NBC's smash sitcom "Friends" airs May 6, and marketers are shelling out an average of \$2 million for 30 seconds of advertising time on the broadcast, say analysts and media buyers. The figure is the largest ever commanded for a sitcom episode.

Advertisers that signed on for the sold-out finale include Allstate, Anheuser-Busch, Walt Disney and Chevrolet, among others.

Those advertisers are paying more for an event likely to lure fewer people than it might have years ago, because of the overall shrinkage of network-television audiences and the slew of media choices today. Media buyers estimate 50 million viewers will watch the "Friends" finale - nowhere near the 105.4 million who viewed the final episode of "MASH" in 1983.

The networks haven't seen such a sitcom-selling bonanza since NBC's "Seinfeld" farewell in 1998, when advertisers paid about \$1.72 million, adjusted for inflation, for 30-second ad slots. About 76.2 million viewers watched the "Seinfeld" finale.

To make the most of the hype, NBCisplanning along-winded farewell. "Friends" will get three hours of exposure on the network on its final night. Suzanne vranica (WSJ)

### HEARSAY | HARDBALL

"Once their minister, their next-door neighbor, brother [and] friends ... know about it, they're much more amenable to paying."

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### **Liberal Radio Network Shakes Up Staff**

NEW YORK | In the latest sign of growing pains, a new liberal radio network headlined by comedian Al Franken has replaced its programming director and says that its CEO is stepping down to take a smaller role at the company.

Mark Walsh, a former America Online executive, said Tuesday that he gave up his CEO title but will continue to pursue deals for Air America Radio. Evan Cohen, chair-

**NASDAQ Stock Market** 

man of the network's parent company, said the programming director, David Logan, had been put on administrative leave. He declined to comment on the reasons.

The network suffered another glitch this month when a dispute with a partner led to its signal being pulled from stations in Los Angeles and Chicago. Cohen said the matter has been settled and the signal has been restored in Chicago. (AP)

### **Market Action**

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### Universities lobby for a simpler visa process for foreign students

BOSTON | A steep decline in graduate school applications from foreign students has university administrators pushing the federal government to reform the visa process. Their argument: The trend could cost U.S. schools much-needed revenue and research help, and make America seem isolated in the eves of the world.

International graduate student applications for this fall are down 32 percent compared with a year ago, according to a recent survey, and schools are extending application deadlines so they don't lose students still negotiating U.S. bureaucracy.

Meanwhile, in public comments and private lobbying, universities are urging federal officials to speed up visa applications, stressing that America's role as a beacon to the world's students could be in jeopardy.

Experts cite several factors for the dip in applications, including diminished esteem for America abroad. rising tuition at U.S. schools and increasingly competitive alternatives in Europe and Asia.

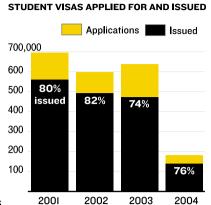
But the difficulty, or perceived difficulty, of getting a student visa quickly appears to be the primary cause.

The State Department, which is giving some students priority interview slots, issued 474,000 student visas last year, accepting 74 percent of applications. That's down from 560,000, or 80 percent, in 2001. Secretary of State Colin Powell and Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge called last week for Congress to review visa restrictions, and Ridge discussed visas at a recent meeting with college presidents. JUSTIN POPE (AP)

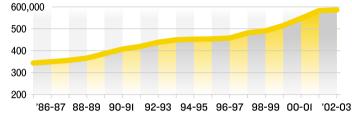
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TRAVEL | Waiting until the last minute to book your rental car will cost you more this summer. Demand for rental cars is picking up, which means that a tighter supply of cars will drive up prices even further.

Already, daily rates for cars rented at airports, which typically account for 60 percent of all rentals, have been about \$4 to \$5 more than a year ago for midsize cars, according to Abrams Travel Data Service, a car-rental market research firm based in Long Beach, Calif.

This means that it is even more important for consumers to book ahead. You don't lose anything by

making a reservation since you typically aren't penalized for canceling at the last minute. Even if prices were to later decline, you could always cancel your existing reservation and make a new booking.

Besides booking early, there are other ways to save money. For one, make sure you understand the full cost of your rental. Depending on which airport you fly into, you may be hit with additional charges ranging from a visitor tax to pay for a city's new sports stadium to the various charges for sales taxes and airport fees.

Many of the online travelbooking sites such as Travelocity, Expedia and Orbitz now include the total cost of renting the vehicle so you can see how the base rates compare to the total costs. And be sure to check out rates directly on



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the car-rental companies' Web sites since you may be able to find better rates or learn about other promotions and discounts.

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nience, you can save even more by getting out of the airport and renting a car in town. Local rates can be about 10 percent to 20 percent lower than airport rates, according to Abrams Consulting.

Renting a vehicle during the week is likely to be more expensive since you'll be competing with business travelers. Given a greater supply of cars on the weekends, "the weekend is a great time to rent a car," said Sam Fulton, director of car-rental operations for Orbitz.

Be sure to review your insurance policies before showing up at the rental-car counter since most rental-car agencies will try to sell you collision or liability coverage. In many cases, you may already be covered under your own auto-insurance policy or credit card.

Finally, make sure you are taking advantage of any discounts for which you qualify. Members of AAA and AARP can get rate discounts through the groups' rental-car partners. And Upraise members who book through Avis, owned by Cendant Corp. which also owns Budget, can earn 5 percent of the amount they spend with Avis to put into a college savings account.

JANE J. KIM (DOW JONES NEWSWIRES)



All we want to know is whether the cute little model Volkswagen is for sale.

### German Makeover

DESIGN | Volkswagen's new design chief Murat Guenak wants to add more curves and emotion to the automaker's famously functional German designs. But tweaking tradition can be a tricky matter.

In a recent interview at Volks-wagen's Wolfsburg, Germany, headquarters, Guenak explained that new designs will follow two subtle approaches.

"The first is how we sculpture the sheet metal to visualize the qualities of our cars at Volkswagen," he said. "The shaping of the cars was very clear, very straight, very architechtonical, very German if you like — but this is not a good word."

One place to look for ideas, he said, are the curvaceous cars from the company's storied past: the old Beetle, the Karmann Ghia sports car and the microbus of the 1960s and 1970s.

The second part of the plan is the front end. He suggested people who want to know where VW design is headed should take a look at the grille on the Concept R, the two-seat sports car unveiled as a concept vehicle at the Frankfurt Auto Show last fall. It has a deep "V" marked out with long curves that cut through the grille.



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### **Cars**



HIDDEN DEPTHS: Beneath the surface of this hot, retro trucklet beats the cold, steel heart of a Chevy Trailblazer.

## One Was Enough

### A single concept car is cool. Don't make more

TEST DRIVE | The most lucid thing the Marxist critic Walter Benjamin ever wrote is the essay "The Work of Art in the Age of Mechanical Reproduction," written in 1936, during an apparent dry spell in Berlin's hashish supply.

The famous essay puts a dopescented finger on a central issue in aesthetics: If the art object is special — if it has an "aura," Benjamin calls it — what is the status of the mechanically reproduced copy?

In other words: The first David by Michelangelo is art, the second is a lawn ornament.

Which brings us to the Chevrolet SSR. The SSR — Super Sport Roadster, if you must know — began life as an impossibly cool concept car at the 2000 Detroit Auto Show,

a pickup truck gene-spliced with a hot-rod roadster and incubated in gorgeous '50s heritage.

The SSR's indefinable nature is a clue to something often overlooked with radical concept cars. They are unique and original, highly crafted and nonfunctional; they are spiritual singletons created to express an idea or an ideal. They are art.

Until the car manufacturers build a second one. And a third. Then what a falling off there is. So much of what makes these concept cars desirable is leveraged on their singularity. When a one-of-a-kind becomes a one-of-a-thousand, some essential aura escapes.

The SSR is such a vehicle, a radical concept car brought to life. Built on the cut-down chassis rails of a Chevy TrailBlazer, the SSR is a paragon of shared architecture. Under its Toontown bodywork are the TrailBlazer's independent front- and live-axle rear suspension; four-wheel disc brakes and rack-and-pinion steering; and a 5.3-liter, overhead-valve V8.

The product of GM's Lansing Craft Centre, the SSR features a trick convertible hardtop, which arches gracefully toward the windshield header in motorized segments before it finally assembles itself.

The SSR is in many ways a wonderful specimen and a signpost of GM's new craftsmanship. The jodhpur-like fenders are made of steel, stamped with a dramatic "draw"

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(the depth of the stamping) that must have caused a few sleepless nights for some manufacturing engineer. The interior detailing is likewise lovely, especially the satin aluminum trim.

The trouble with the SSR is easy enough to spot. It's too heavy, with a curb weight of 4,760 pounds (about the same as the full-bodied TrailBlazer), an avoirdupois that smothers the Vortec V8's 300 hp and 335 pound-feet of torque.

The weaknesses of the SSR — weight, limp acceleration, expense, a gimmicky curb appeal — are part of a larger flaw: Corporations can't build hot rods. By definition, hot rods are one of a kind. And when we see them on the street we light up because we are in the presence of something special, art qua art. Pouring a racy enamel over a truck chassis just isn't the same.

The concept-car SSR was as close to the real thing as it will ever get. Dan Neil (L.A. Times)



### LIVE ONLINE

### Car Care

Automotive expert PAT GOSS owns Pat Goss Car World, Inc., a local car repair company. He chats regularly on washingtonpost.com/liveonline.

### What causes the "check engine" light to come on intermittently?

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# Itching for a Fight

### Eminem saw things were quiet, so he decided to rile them up again

Now this looks like a job for me/So everybody just follow me / 'Cause we need a little controversy / 'Cause it feels so empty without me.

— "Without Me"

POP PROVOCATEURS | Remember Eminem? "Without Me," his 2002 hit, is appropriate for another spin now as the impish and provocative rapper makes his way back to the pop music stage.

Now Eminem's back on the newrelease shelf at record stores, albeit this time sharing disc space with his old Detroit buddies, the rappers in D12.

The fact that Eminem has difficulty blending in with a crowd is mocked in the collective's new single "My Band," which is accompanied by a video that presents Em as an imperious rock star and his D12 mates (Bizarre, Kon Artis, Proof, Kuniva and Swifty) as disrespected sidemen.

"D12 World" (released on the Shady/Interscope label) is the group's second disc, following "Devil's Night" in 2001, which went double-platinum but still was judged by many as a tepid success considering the Midas touch its frontman brought to other ventures.



A LITTLE CONTROVERSY: Eminem, always willing to supply a provocation, is back.

The early word from retailers and radio programmers is that this collection looks to have greater potential.

Side project or not, the release of "D12 World" marks a new cycle for Eminem's public life.

The rapper took a step back after the success of his 2002 film, "8 Mile," combined with his superstar music status to make him the most potent name in pop culture among today's youth (although Britney Spears might argue that

Now he is ramping up the next chapter. His camp says the rapper will "drop in, unannounced, here and there" at D12 shows as the group launches a club tour, a statement that seems certain to goose ticket sales.

By the end of the year, Eminem will have another producer credit as the new 50 Cent album arrives in stores, and the rapper will follow that with his own disc of new material, in late 2004 or early 2005.

He is also mulling two film projects, and his handlers say that neither is music-related.

"People may want '9 Mile,' but he's looking for a new thing," one of Eminem's confidants said of the rapper's next project. "He's always moving forward." GEOFF BOUCHER (LOS ANGELES TIMES)



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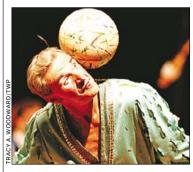
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### Carpenter's songs expect the worst, hope for the best

MUSIC | Singer-songwriter Mary Chapin Carpenter has always had the knack for writing literary songs that focus, subtly at times, on love, loss and going through life with a certain sense of grace.

Like her peers, including Lucinda Williams, Kate Campbell and Lyle Lovett, she's carved out a section of American music that is equal parts folk, country and soul-piercing selfreflection.

The 12 songs on her eighth studio LP, "Between Here and Gone" (Columbia Records Nashville), are filled with characters worn down by life, but somehow strangely optimistic - comfortable in the belief that the hard times will eventually go soft.

Take "Goodnight America," a delightful gem that looks at the nature of hope and how it keeps people moving forward. "I'm a stranger here, no one you would know/My ship has not come in, but I keep hoping though," Carpenter sings. She's backed by co-producer Matt Rolling, whose session piano work is crisp and delicate.

"Girls like me like summer light, a cold beer on a summer night/And boys who aren't afraid of what they see inside the eyes of girls like me," she sings, resigned and baleful in "Girls Like Me."

It's clear that as Carpenter grows in her work, and her own experiences, the music is the beneficiary. Matt moore (AP)

### HERE'S HOPING: Mary Chapin grows wiser—and sunnier—as she matures.

### **Entertainment**



WHOLE LOTTA SHAKING: Displaying the skills that have made him a TV staple, Schneider reacts to a fierce earthquake in "10.5."

## From Duke to Dad

### TV changes, but John Schneider is still on

PERSONALITY | John Schneider still looks as though he could "yee-haw" if he needed to, but these days "The Dukes of Hazzard" good ol' boy is more content playing the dad.

The actor who played Bo Duke in the CBS series that ran from 1979 to '85 now plays Jonathan Kent, adoptive father to an adolescent Superman in the WB's "Smallville."

"We know what made him strong, this is about what made him noble. Excellent parents are part of that," Schneider said, contemplating the influences that created the stalwart Superman.

In "10.5," an NBC miniseries air-

ing May 2-3 (9 p.m.) about a cataclysmic earthquake, Schneider also plays a parent, although initially not a very responsible one.

He's the ex-husband of the governor of California, and as the massive quake hits, he's driving their disgruntled daughter to a camping trip.

"There are any number of reasons you can use to justify being an irresponsible parent, but they really don't work in the long run," he said. "This guy finds out sooner rather than later what his responsibilities are, and that's good."

The four-hour drama intertwines the professional and personal dilemmas of multiple characters caught up in the seismic crisis, among them Kim Delaney as quake expert Samantha Hill and Beau Bridges as President Paul Hollister.

Schneider was expert behind the wheel of the General Lee, the souped-up car of "The Dukes of Hazzard," so it's no surprise that in this miniseries, he did his own stunt work for a harrowing sequence where his vehicle sinks into the earth. (The actor said he believes that the TV movie's sense of immediacy is so intense that a disclaimer that it's "only a movie" might be appropriate.)

His boyish good looks still intact, it's taken a while for the 44-year-old actor to seem old enough for these dad roles. But he believes there's a reason for that.

"Had I looked old enough to play fathers when dad was the buffoon, I wouldn't have been the right guy for the job," he says of TV's evolving father image. "But I think viewers look at the fathers I play now and think 'I knew he'd be a good father because he was raised by Denver Pyle' — Uncle Jesse [Duke] in TV Land logic. And there's a lot of truth to that." BRIDGET BYRNE (AP)

### Today's Top Stops

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### Vote First, Dance Later: Alejandro Sanz

Despite his nice arms and plaintive Spanish songs, Alejandro Sanz is not one of those hunky Latin pop stars trying to seduce us from the TRL stage. He's a fine guitar player and the composer of thoughtful, literate songs that often have more to do with politics and the human state of affairs than with amor and dancefloors. Sanz comes to D.C. behind his new release, the aptly titled "No Es lo Mismo" ("It's Not the Same").

Constitution Hall, 1776 D St. NW; 8 p.m., \$55; 202-432-7328.



On "No Es lo Mismo," Sanz adds some rap and bolero to his flamenco pop.

## 'Fight Night': Fists of Fury

## A new control system allows boxing games to pack a real punch

VIDEO GAMES | Electronic Arts, long known as the top developer of sports games, has a knockout in "Fight Night 2004." The boxing simulation is a refreshing option for fans of sport games and it introduces a revolutionary control system that totally eliminates the repetitious, monotonous action of other fighting games.

Determined to avoid "buttonmashing," "Fight Night" designers created "total punch control," allowing the player to dodge and throw punches using the dual analog sticks. This control system replaces twitch-actions — where the win-



**DIGITAL REMATCH:** Sonny Liston and Muhammad Ali go a few extra rounds.

ner is usually the person with the quickest reflexes — with a system rewarding skill and strategy.

It not only allows an older, less reflex-adept demographic to enjoy the game, but forces players to assume real boxing tactics as they bob and weave with the left stick while waiting for just the right moment to throw a punch

using the right stick. This introduces a significant learning curve compared to other games, but it's worth the effort.

The meat of the game is the "career mode" where the players create a rookie boxer and then work their way up. As gamers win, they win cash, which can be used to open new arenas, buy new clothing, as well as "purchase" women for the entourage, theme music and special effects to accompany the boxer as he walks into a match.

There is also a mode where players can play matches using a number of real-life boxers including Muhammad Ali, Joe Frazier, Sugar Ray Leonard or one the user creates.

The game is available now for both Xbox and PlayStation 2, the latter being the better choice as it supports free online play and does not suffer from graphical issues found on the Xbox.

### Play From the Pokey: 'Jesus Hopped' Opens

Stephen Adly Guirgis's prison drama "Jesus Hopped the 'A' Train" opens tonight with a pay-what-you-can performance.

Roundhouse Theatre, 8641 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; 8 p.m.; 240-644-1099.

### Tell It Like It Is: Story of the Year

If grunge sublimated rock's aggression, then the emo movement turned aggression into a neurosis. St. Louis's Story of the Year is one of the fretful-but-loud generation, making sensitive, agitated rock, heavy on crunching, hand-wringing and melody — the perfect antidote to all teenage troubles.

9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; with Motion City Soundtrack, Letter Kills, Adair, 6:30 p.m., \$14; 202-265-0930. (USt.-Cardozo)

### **Entertainmen**

### HEARSAY | PAYING UP

"He hit my bushes and the wall. He'd better come fix it. I'm sure he has money."

### -93-YEAR-OLD MARIA DONO

THE BAYVILLE, N.Y., WOMAN WHOSE HOUSE SINGER BILLY JOEL ACCIDENTALLY CRASHED INTO ON SUNDAY JOEL'S SPOKESWOMAN SAID HE HAS "TAKEN IMMEDIATE STEPS" TO MAKE SUBE THE DAMAGE IS REPAIRED "AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE '

## Come Back, Martha

domestic diva is up for grabs in a new reality special in which gardening, cooking and entertainment skills are among those tested, ABC television said.

"The Great Domestic Showdown," airing Tuesday and Wednesday, May 25-26, pits six contestants. The winner gets a book deal, an appearance on the ABC talk show "Good Morning America" and a pilot deal for a television show and, the network suggested, Martha Stewart's crown.

A publicity release Monday for the special dubbed it "the search for America's next domestic diva," a common reference for Stewart. She was convicted of lying about her sale of a block of biotechnology stock just before it plunged and faces sentencing June 17.

Judging the contestants are Food Network host Sandra Lee; Robert Verdi, host of Discovery Channel's "Surprise by Design"; and Los Angeles chef Govind Armstrong. The host is Adam Carolla. (AP)



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### **Television**

### Cable's Feeling Funny

## TBS has decided to specialize in sitcoms and original comedies

FACELIFTS | Cable's TBS, which already airs reruns of "Seinfeld" and "Friends," wants to be thought of as a home for comedy and said Thursday it will accompany the June launch of cleaned-up episodes of HBO's "Sex and the City" with a new logo and advertising campaign, "tbs very funny."

The network also is developing a reality series based on the sitcom "Gilligan's Island."

Other unscripted projects in development at TBS are "Outback Jack," where women vie for the



TBS is planning a "Gilligan's Island"style reality show ... like "Survivor"?

affection of an Australian adventurer; a Jamie Foxx-produced hidden camera show; and a program that mimics in real life the "Sex and the City" adventures of single women. ELIZABETH JENSEN (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

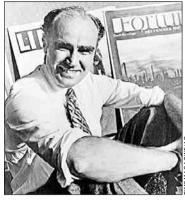
### ON TV TONIGHT

### **LUCE MAN OF MORALS**

AMERICAN MASTERS (9 p.m., PBS) Narrated by NPR's Scott Simon, "Henry Luce and Time-Life's America: A Vision of Empire," profiles media mogul Luce, founder of the Time-Life magazine empire, who delighted millions of readers with a deft combination of progressive "highbrow" subjects and good old-fashioned Hollywood cheesecake.

Luce used his magazines to provide stimulating uplift to his readers, offering special sections in Life on world geography, history and comparative religion. Fortune was written by poets and illustrated by some of the great artists of its day. Launched in 1923, Time was the first national magazine to devote attention to the plight of America's black population.

"Luce" also discusses how the mogul



Henry Luce created and oversaw a media empire that remains powerful.

used his media empire to push his favorite causes. Said Luce, "I am biased in favor of God, the Republican party and free enterprise." Luce died in 1967 and Life magazine expired in 1972. Two years later, Luce's old company would launch People, a magazine dedicated almost exclusively to celebrities and gossip.

### A DIAPERFUL OF COMEDY

Comedy Central unleashes **SHORTIES WATCHIN' SHORTIES** (10:30 p.m., Comedy Central), an animated take on stand-up comedy. The premise of "Shorties" is simple, and potentially good. Comics, including Lewis Black, Dane Cook, Janeane Garofalo, Denis Leary and others, have their best short routines turned into cartoons. Think of it as a crude variation of Bill Cosby's "Fat Albert" show. Some are funny, while others merely "illustrate" the spirit of angry, bitter misogyny that runs through contemporary stand-up.

But "Shorties" is "hosted" by two diaper-clad babies who "watch" these comedy shorts on television, and their crude commentary adds nothing to the show.

### **CULT CHOICE**

VON RYAN'S EXPRESS (8 p.m., AMC) Frank Sinatra never saw combat in World War II, but he plays a war hero in this 1965 drama. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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### Redskins Sign 10 Undrafted Players

Standings through April 26 games

FOOTBALL | The Washington Redskins on Tuesday agreed to terms with 10 undrafted free agents, including two players from Maryland and one from Howard.

The players with local ties are receiver Jafar Williams and safety Denard Wilson, both ex-Terrapins, and former Bison receiver Jonathan Brewer. All three attended a tryout for local players earlier this month.

The other seven that the Redskins added were defensive lineman Ryan Boschetti from UCLA, defensive lineman Rufus Brown from Florida State, offensive lineman Quinn Christensen from Brigham Young, defensive lineman Norman Heuerfrom Michigan, linebacker William Strother from New Mexico, receiver John Standeford from Purdue and defensive lineman Garnell Wilds from Virginia Tech. (AP)

## **IOC Buys Insurance for '04 Games**

### Terrorism, natural disasters are worries in Athens

OLYMPICS | Guarding against terrorism and natural disasters in Athens, the IOC took the unprecedented step of buying insurance in case the Olympics are called off.

The International Olympic Committee's \$170 million policy guarantees that the organization and affiliated national committees and sports federations have enough money to continue operations. The policy would not compensate individual victims.

The policy also doesn't cover corporate sponsors and TV networks, which have billions of dollars riding on the Athens Games. Many have their own insurance, and city organizers underwrite their own liability coverage.

IOC president Jacques Rogge said Tuesday insurance was "standard prudent judgment" and reflects no lack of confidence in the Aug.

13-29 games, which have been troubled by construction delays and security worries.

The IOC would not be covered if the games are called off

because of the delays, IOC finance chairman Richard Carrion said.

The Athens Olympics, the first

Rogge

Summer Games since the Sept. 11 terror attacks, will be the most heavily guarded in history. The security budget is nearing \$1 billion — more than three times the amount spent on protecting the 2000 Sydney Games.

The policy covers full and partial cancellation for a "whole range of issues such as terrorism, earthquake, flooding, landslides, things like that," Rogge told The Associated Press. STEPHEN WILSON (AP)

### **KENTUCKY DERBY | DOWN THE STRETCH**



**DRY RUN:** Kentucky Derby hopeful Friends Lake, with exercise rider Amanda Roxboro, works out at Churchill Downs Tuesday in Louisville, Ky. The first of the Triple Crown races takes place Saturday afternoon.

### **UMd. Makes Top Coaches Millionaires**

SALARIES | The University of Maryland's two top coaches each earn more than \$1 million a year in salary, bonuses and other compensation, according to records released Tuesday by the university.

The records were made available to The (Baltimore) Sun, which won a court battle after the university refused two years ago to give the information to the newspaper.

The Sun reported that basketball coach Gary Williams is paid \$1.29 mil-

lion each year, while football coach Ralph Friedgen earns \$1.11 million annually. Bonuses and incentives can increase Williams's earnings to \$1.87 million annually, while Friedgen's earnings can reach \$1.46 million.

Williams has a base salary of \$236,250 and collects a guaranteed minimum of \$750,000 from radio and television appearances each year. He also gets \$225,000 from Nike as a result of the school's contract with the company.

The university pays Friedgen a base salary of \$200,000. He earns \$441,000 as the result of radio and television appearances and collects \$410,000 a year from Maryland's uniform deal with Under Armour.

Williams earns \$25,000 a year if 50 percent of his players graduate during the six-year period reported to the NCAA to determine graduation rates. Friedgen earns \$35,000 if 70 percent of his players graduate and \$75,000 if 75 percent graduate. (AP)

### Drug-Probe Files Sent To Senate

### McCain promises BALCO documents will remain secret

DOPING | The Justice Department gave documents to a Senate committee which could help U.S. Olympic officials keep drug cheaters out of the Athens Games.

John McCain's Senate Commerce Committee subpoenaed materials from the grand jury probe of the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative, the nutritional supplements lab at the center of an investigation into the alleged distribution of steroids to top athletes.

It was not immediately clear whether the documents included grand jury testimony. Dozens of elite athletes, including sprinter Marion Jones, were asked by the grand jury about steroids. McCain has promised to keep the material secret but said it is intended to make sure the United States sends a drug-free team to the Summer Olympics.

A little more than 100 days before the Athens Games, U.S. Olympic officials are hoping material in those documents will allow them to weed out drug cheaters.

The USOC is not just targeting athletes who have failed drug tests. Officials hope to utilize a clause in the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency's rules to bar athletes who acknowledge the use of steroids and other banned substances. ROB GLOSTER (AP)





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### Sports

### Williams **Trial Goes** To the Jury

SOMERVILLE, N.J. | A jury began deliberating Tuesday in the case against Jayson Williams, the former NBA star accused of manslaughter in the shotgun slaying of a limousine driver.

The jury got the case after three months of trial, 43 witnesses and widely divergent versions of what happened the night in 2002 when Costas "Gus" Christofi was killed.

Christofi, 55, was killed in Williams's bedroom while the former New Jersey Nets player was giving friends and members



Former NBA star Jayson Williams, center, confers with his lawyers on Tuesday.

of the Harlem Globetrotters a tour of his mansion.

Williams, 36, faces eight charges, the most serious of which is aggravated manslaughter. Collectively, the charges carry up to 55 years in prison.

In closing arguments Monday,

defense attornev Billy Martin repeated his insistence that the shooting was "a tragic accident."

Prosecutor Steven C. Lember said Williams acted recklessly because he had been drinking and chose to handle a loaded weapon. JEFFREY GOLD (AP)

PROBASKETBALL (10 p.m. on TNT) The L.A. Lakers can close out their series with the Houston Rockets with a win.

HORSE RACING (5 p.m. on ESPN) The Kentucky Derby post-position draw in Louisville, Ky.

BASEBALL (7 p.m. on Comcast) The Baltimore Orioles host the Seattle

PRO HOCKEY (7 p.m. on ESPN2) The Toronto Maple Leafs, down 2-0, need a win in Game 3 of their playoff series with the Philadelphia Flyers.

PRO HOCKEY (10 p.m. on ESPN) San Jose will sweep Colorado with a victory in Game 4 of their playoff series.

BASEBALL (7 p.m. on ESPN) Mark Mulder leads the Oakland A's against Jose Contreras and the struggling New York Yankees.

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### People



### BECKS Sleep Gawking

Fans used to seeing **DAVID BECKHAM** in motion on the field can now study him at rest in bed. An hour-long "video portrait" of Beckham asleep after training in Madrid, where he plays for Real Madrid, went on display Tuesday at the National Portrait Gallery. The piece, titled "David," was shot in a single, long take and runs in a continuous loop on a plasma screen. "I liked the idea that he was eternally asleep in the National Portrait Gallery, so he was kind of a Sleeping Beauty," artist Sam Taylor-Wood explained. (AP)

### **Halle Gives Hubby Heave-Ho**

Oscar-winning actress HALLE BERRY has filed for divorce from her husband, R&B singer ERIC BENET. Her publicist confirmed the filing Monday in Los Angeles Superior Court but declined to comment. They were married for about three years and separated in October. This is the second divorce for the



Men of America, Halle is single again. And you have no chance. Zero. Nada.

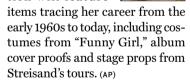
actress, who was previously married to Cleveland Indians outfielder David Justice. Tabloids speculated about Benet's faithfulness from nearly the moment the "X-Men" star married Benet in January 2001. Benet has a young daughter, India, from a previous relationship with a girlfriend who was killed in a car crash 15 months after the girl was born. (AP)

### RELICS

### Yes. We Know Her Name

Hundreds of pieces of memorabilia from BARBRA STREISAND's career will be auctioned June 5, with proceeds going to charities that the Streisand Foundation supports. More than 400 items will make

up the "Her Name is Barbra" auction in West Hollywood, the coordinator said Monday. The auction will feature



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### **INFANTS**

**National Weather for Wednesday, April 28** 

### **New Trend in Baby Names: Impossible to Pronounce**

Oscar-winning actress MARCIA GAY HARDEN gave birth to twins last Thursday, her publicist said Tuesday. Harden, 44, and her husband, Thaddaeus Scheel, had a boy, Hudson Harden Scheel, and a girl, Julitta (Ju-LEE-tah) Dee Harden Scheel. The actress and her husband also have a 5-year-old, Eulala (You-LAY-lah) Grace. (AP)

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### ARRESTS

### **Sister Acts Out**

JUNE POINTER-WHITMORE, who formerly sang with the Pointer Sisters, was charged with felony drug possession and misdemeanor possession

of a smoking device, according to the Los Angeles County district attorney's office. The 50-year-old singer, who has not performed with the group for several years, was arrested along with two friends last Thursday outside of Pointer-Whitmore's sister's home in Hollywood. Officers allegedly discovered she was in the possession of cocaine and cocaine pipes. She was released on \$10,000 bail Saturday. (AP)

### **5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area**

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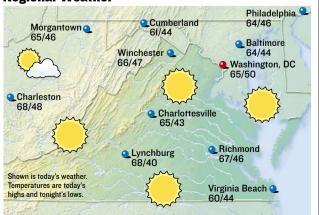
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### **Regional Weather**



### **Almanac**

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Tues. **Temperature** High Normal high .. Normal low Average humidity

### **Precipitation**

24 hours ending 4 p.m	0.25"
Month to date	3.83"
Normal month to date	2.47"
Year to date	9.55"
Last year to date	16.01"
Normal year to date I	2.02"

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### **Regional Forecast**

D.C. Metro: Today, mostly sunny, breezy. High 65. Wind west to northwest 10-20 mph. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 50. Wind variable 4-8 mph.

### Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:14 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:58 p.m.
Moonrise today	1:10 p.m.
Moonset today	3:II a.m.

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### **National Cities** Today Hi/Lo/W Thur. Hi/Lo/W Atlanta

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### **World Cities**

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### **Playback**

### Letters

TUESDAY'S EXPRESS showed an elated enemy on top of a U.S. Humvee on page one, a grieving American family at Arlington National Cemetery on page three, and weary and supine Marines in Iraq on page five — in other words, every time you turn the page, you are faced with more despair.

If Express's goal is to sour the public's opinion of our nation's foreign policy, save it for the editorials. The lopsided coverage of our Armed Forces is unfair and disrespectful to the thousands of underpaid men and women in uniform, and to the family and friends who know and love them.

> -CARL DEPUTY Davidsonville, Md.

THAT CERTAINLY WAS an impressive number of people on the Mall this past Sunday to show their support for women's rights and keeping abortion legal ("Women's Rally Floods Mall," April 26). Even more impressive is the number of people who, though personally affected by Roe v. Wade, weren't able to show up — the millions of fetuses aborted since 1973.

> -Marilyn Terrell Annandale, Va.

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### Yesterday's Solution

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### **Crossword Puzzle: Spinning Out** | *Edited by Timothy E. Parker*

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### Mitch Albom

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

MITCH AL ROM author of "The Five People You Meet in Heaven" and "Tuesdays with Morrie," was online Tuesday to discuss how a job can have more than just monetary rewards.

### Just curious — why five people? Do you think most of us would need five people to figure out that our lives, our work, mean something?

I picked five because my uncle used to tell me a story when I was a kid about a near-death experience he had during an operation in the hospital. He said he rose out of his body and saw five of his dead relatives at the edge of the bed.

So that was always in my head when I thought of my uncle. As it turns out, five worked well as a literary device. I was able to cover the five stages of an old man's life; childhood, war years, love life, middle age and death. Anyhow, "The 14 People You Meet in Heaven" would be a little bit much, don't you think?

### What did your uncle do for a living?

Like Eddie in the book, he was blue-collar all the way. He worked as a New York City cab driver and as a factory worker. He even, for a while, cleaned spittoons at a bar. He always had grease under his fingernails, let's put it that way. But he was always a good, loving man and that's what mattered.

### I quit the job I love (teaching) due to the low pay and disrespect teachers get, and went to work for the government. While I am paid very well, I truly despise this job. How does one balance wanting a job you love and the need to provide for the family?

If you hate getting up in the morning, you're not being much help to your family anyhow. Inevitably that anger will find it's way back to them. I think the trick is in lowering your need financially to match what you're able to do and still be happy. That may mean one less car or one less TV set but if it means more smiles around the house, it's probably worth it.

### **Today on Live Online:**

NOON: D.C. Police Chief Charles Ramsey discusses the May 2 rollout of the police beats program and anti-crime initiatives.

### The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



### Horoscope | Stella Wilder

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You may have a run-in with someone who doesn't wish to tell you what you need to know. Be warned: aggression will get you nowhere.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - An infatuation you've been suppressing for some time may come to a head. It's a good time to let certain secrets out of the bag

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - Home affairs may prove trickier than expected. Focus on those things that bring you immediate comfort and pleasure.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Make plans to get

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Reassess your financial situation; future issues are coming to a head. Planning can pay off handsomely in the days to come.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Working for a lost cause may seem the noble thing to do, but the fact is you are wasting your abilities. Turn to things that can be done.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - You and a partner may experience a little friction as a result of an inequitable distribution of responsibility. Be fair.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Embrace the ordinary, for even in the most mundane affairs you can find some enlightenment and excitement. Take a fresh look

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Organization is the key to success. Don't let someone try to fool you into believing there's order in all the chaos.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - There is a possibility that a conflict will develop between your personal life and your profes sional life. Stay true to your needs.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) - This is a good day to embrace parts of your own past that have recently given you some trouble. You certainly don't want to hold a grudge. ARIES (March 21-April 19) - You may be

accident-prone. Now is no time to get yourself involved in unfamiliar, highly complicated endeavors

together with loved ones whom you haven't seen in a while. Now is not the time to let family members go unappreciated.



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